

Choice of Plants. Tall growing trees should not be selected for planting beneath utility lines and wide-spreading trees should not be used unless there is sufficient width of planting area to accommodate them without continuing severe pruning.

Small trees and large shrubs should be used which are adaptable to under-trimming without destroying their desired normal appearance. Only low-growing shrubs are to be used in medians and close to the edge of shoulders to avoid need for continuing severe pruning. In some locations all shrubs should be omitted, but this must be an individual site determination by the municipality.

In curb and gutter areas ground cover is permissible between curb and shrubs to avoid mowing narrow strips. (Sketch C)

Plantings of kinds of plants requiring special care (such as roses, bulbs, flower beds, formal hedges) are not eligible for State maintenance. If installed, such plantings must be maintained entirely at municipal expense.

Pavement Removal. When pavement remains beneath traffic channelization islands, such pavement may not be broken or removed without written permission from the Commission.

Effect on Mowing and Drainage. Trees should be placed sufficiently far apart, and low shrubs should be grouped in beds of a shape that will facilitate mower operation and avoid excessive mower maneuvering or hand trimming. Plantings are to be made in a manner that will not interfere with proper drainage of the highway or street.

Traffic Operation and Safety. It shall be the responsibility of a municipality to plant and maintain all plantings in a manner that will not interfere with nor endanger either vehicular or pedestrian traffic. If in the judgement of the Commission any plantings are not so planted or maintained, the municipality must promptly alter or remove the plantings.